



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Application of: Kirk Hogan
Serial No.: 09/613,887 Group No.: 1634
Filed: July 11, 2000 Examiner: J.A. Goldberg
Entitled: **Methods and Compositions for Perioperative Genomic Profiling**

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO
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Madam:

The following communication is responsive to the Office Action mailed July 1, 2003, due on or before October 1, 2003. A request for a three-month extension of time to extend the time of response from October 1, 2003 to January 1, 2004 is attached. The Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the Application in view of the following amendment and remarks.

A clean version of the entire set of pending claims pursuant to 37 C.F.R., Section 1.121(c)(3) as they should appear following entry of this amendment is included beginning on the next page of this communication.